

[REDACTED] 19075 RECORD-CVU Incident #160

ATIC NO.

DATE OF INFO 4 July 1948

AUTO.

LOCATION Dravestburg, Pa.

REPORT NO.

SOURCE Male Civilian

DATE OF REPORT

DATE IN TO ATIC

TIME OF OBSERVING 2315

COLOR Same as star

SHAPE Looked like a star

HOVERING when moving identified

SIZE Of a star

SPEEDING undetermined Measured

COUPLES

Estimated

NO. IN GROUP 1

ALTITUDE Unmeasured

FOUND

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED 20 Secs plus

PICTURE

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

Temporary ATIC Form 329

Moved across sky stopping

(2 Jan 52)

MANEUVERS and starting three times



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UNCLASSIFIED

Incident #160 -- Dravosburg, Pennsylvania -- 4 July 1948

There is no astronomical explanation for this incident.

The date of occurrence, July 4, suggests that the object seen might have been a part of some celebration -- for instance, a lighted balloon, or even a "county fair" type of balloon.

Or there may be a much simpler explanation for the incident: the observer was very close to the Allegheny County airport. Does the airport have record of either pilot balloon or small aircraft in the air at the time of the sighting? Since when the object seemed to stop it also changed direction, the stopping may have been merely the effect of perspective.

This incident does not appear to have any relation to incident #161.

8-168-L
[Redacted]

On 4 July 48 at approx. 11:15 P. M., CST, witness and his wife thought they saw a star moving. There was a light in the sky the same color and size of a star which was moving. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~
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~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~. Then they thought it was a plane but it made no noise. The object moved across the sky, then changed its course a bit and went straight and stopped again for about 5 seconds, changed its course a bit and went straight for awhile and stopped again this time for at least 15 seconds, then it went across the sky a little ways and disappeared completely. When the object stopped in the sky, it resembled a star and only by following its course could the difference be noticed.

NOTE: Witness states that he lives some 2-1/2 miles from the two woman (McKeesport, Pa.) who reported seeing a big silver plate zooming noiselessly overhead in the direction of Kennywood Park. See Inc. 161.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 4 July 48 Incident # 160

2. Time 11:15 P. M.

3. Location Dravasburg, Pa.

4. Name of observer [REDACTED]

5. Occupation of observer N/S

6. Address of observer Box [REDACTED] Dravasburg, Pa.

7. Place of observation Dravasburg, Pa.

8. Number of objects 1

9. Distance of object from observer N/S

10. Time in sight 20 seconds +

11. Altitude N/S

12. Speed Hovering - then moving on at undetermined speed

13. Direction of flight N/S

14. Tactics moved across sky, stopping three times and resuming movement

15. Sound No noise

16. Size of a star

17. Color same as a star

18. Shape looked like a star

19. Odor detected N/S

20. Apparent construction N/S

21. Exhaust trails N/S

22. Weather conditions N/S

23. Effect on clouds N/S

24. Sketches or photographs Vague sketch

25. Manner of disappearance N/S

26. Remarks: (over)

AFOIR-CO-5(L-3-31)

9 AUG 1948

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Wright Field, Ohio
ATTN: MCI

1. Attached civilian communication is forwarded as a matter pertaining to your Command.
2. This letter has been acknowledged by the Adjutant General, Department of the Army, but not by this Headquarters. It is assumed that your Command will make proper acknowledgement.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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Ltr fr J. Jamnický
dtd 9 July 1948 w/2 Incls.

ROBERT TAYLOR 3rd
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Collection Branch
Air Intelligence Requirements Division
Directorate of Intelligence

MCIAXO-3

MCIAXO-3/HWS/aw
23 August 1948

Mr. ██████████
Box 227
Dravasburg, Pa.

Dear Mr. ██████████

Your letter of 7 July 1948 concerning a strange aerial object has been forwarded to this Command.

The Air Force is interested in all reports on flights of unidentified aircraft and your action in reporting to the proper authorities is appreciated.

Your report is being evaluated at the present time and it may be determined that further contact with you is desirable.

It will be greatly appreciated if future correspondence in this matter is addressed to this Headquarters, attention: MCIAXO-3.

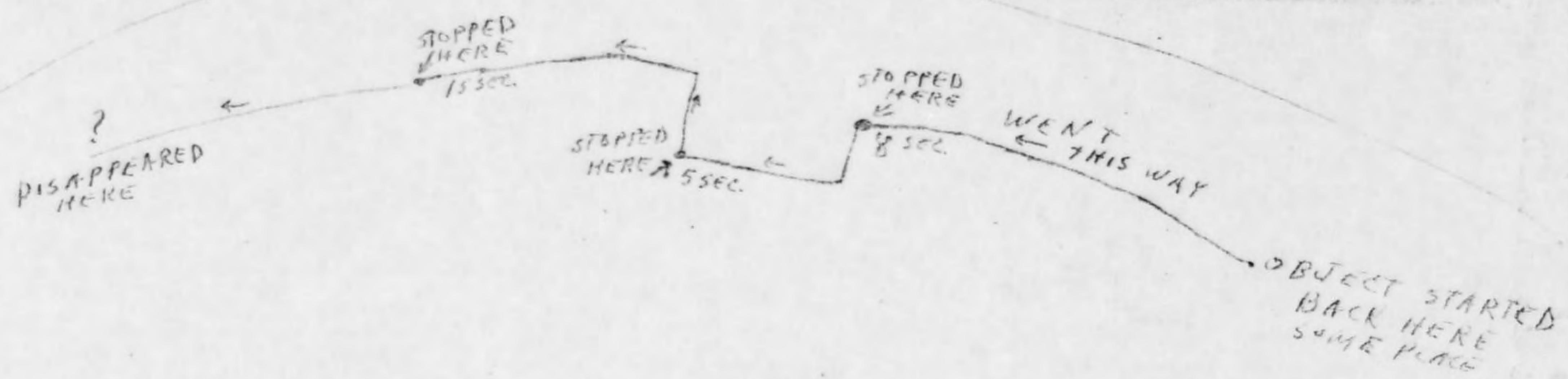
Sincerely yours,

JAMES J. HAUSMAN
Lt Col, USAF
Actg Chief, Technical Intelligence Div
Intelligence Department

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A black and white photograph showing a group of people gathered around a small, dark, rectangular object on the ground. The object appears to be a small vehicle or a piece of equipment. The people are dressed in light-colored clothing, and the background is a dense, dark forest.



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PITTSBURGH
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[REDACTED]
Dravasburg, Pa.
7/9/48

U. S. War Dept.
Washington D. C.

To whom it may concern:

Dear Sirs:

On the fourth of July (July 4, 1948) my wife and I were sitting on a bench on our lawn and we were watching the stars, planes, etc. At 11:15 P. M., O. S. T. we saw something very strange.

We thought we saw a star moving. There was a light in the sky the same color and size of a star and it was moving. We decided it was a plane but it made no noise. We soon changed our minds because this "thing" moved across the sky then changed its course a bit and went straight and stopped again for about 5 seconds, changed its course a bit and went straight for awhile and stopped again this time for at least 15 seconds then it went across the sky a little ways and disappeared completely. When this thing stopped in the sky, if you didn't know where it was at you would not tell it from a star as the resemblance was identical to a star.

After reading in the paper on July 8, 1948 about two women seeing "flying saucers" in the daylight July 8, I believe I saw a "flying saucer" or something in the night July 4, because I know it was no star or an airplane because neither can travel and stop in the air like this "thing" did. I live above 2-1/2 miles from these women who saw the "discs" in the daylight.

Has the War Department any comments on these strange "discs"? They are not reported in the heart of the steel industry.

Yours

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Dravasburg, Pa.

Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

a. High probability:

#26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 48, 49, 59, 60, 66, 69, 70, 94,
95, 96, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 116, 119, 132, 136, 140,
147, 148, 158, 174, 184, 185, 187, 197, 203, 204, 208, 216,
219, 238.

b. Fair or low probability:

#19, 20, 23, 24, 28, 35, 36, 46, 50, 63, 67, 80, 82, 93, 100,
112, 120, 121, 129, 130, 144, 153, 165, 166, 167, 175, 192,
199, 202, 205, 220, 230, 240.

2. Non-astronomical but suggestive of other explanations

a. Balloons or ordinary aircraft:

#3, 11, 22, 41, 42, 53, 54, 73, 81, 83, 91, 92, 113, 114, 115,
126, 131, 138, 141, 145, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160, 161, 163,
169, 171, 173, 178, 180, 182, 188, 190, 194, 195, 196, 198,
200, 201, 209, 210, 217, 222, 235, 237, 239.

b. Rockets, flares or falling bodies:

#4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 25, 56, 65, 78, 106, 107,
108, 109, 133, 170, 211, 218.

c. Miscellaneous (reflections, auroral streamers, birds, etc.):

#39, 89, 123, 124, 128, 146, 164, 181, 189, 214, 221, 231, 234.

3. Non-astronomical, with no explanation evident

a. Lack of evidence precludes explanation:

#38, 44, 45, 47, 55, 57, 72, 86, 87, 88, 90, 99, 110, 117, 118,
125, 127, 137, 139, 149, 160, 177, 179, 191, 206, 212, 213,
229, 232, 233.

b. Evidence offered suggests no explanation:

#1, 2, 10, 17, 21, 29, 37, 40, 51, 62, 58, 61, 62, 64, 68, 71,
75, 76, 77, 79, 84, 105, 111, 122, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162,
168, 172, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 223, 224, 225, 226,
227, 236, 241, 242, 243, 244, 134.